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SUBJ: SOVIET PROPOSAL TO CONVENE POST-CSCE CONFERENCES ON
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

1. SUMMARY. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO CALLED ME
IN AT 1200, MARCH 12, TO CONVEY SOVIET PROPOSALS FOR CON-
VENING POST-CSCE EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANS-
PORTATION, AND ENERGY. COUNSELOR TRILONOV OF MFA, USA
DIVISION WAS PRESENT. BREMENT ACCOMPANIED ME. KORNIYENKO
SAID THAT THE SOVIETS PLAN TO PUT FORWARD THESE PROPOSALS AT
ECE MEETING IN APRIL, WOULD WELCOME CONSULTATION WITH US
BEFORE APRIL MEETING, AND THAT CONFERENCES AS ENVISAGED
WOULD BE UNDER AUSPICES OF ECE. SOVIET SIDE WOULD WELCOME CONS-
ULTATION WITH US BEFORE APRIL MEETING, KORNIYENKO SAID. WHILE U.S.
IS
FIRST GOVERNMENT TO BE NOTIFIED OF THIS SOVIET PROPOSAL, UK,
FRANCE, FRG AND OTHERS WILL BE RECEIVING SIMILAR
DEMARCHES IN NEXT FEW DAYS. END SUMMARY.

2. KORNIYENKO NOTED THAT GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV HAD
RECEIVED THROUGH ME A HANDSOME BOOK OF REMINGTON
BRONZES WHICH AMERICAN ART DEALER, WHO RECENTLY
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VISITED THE USSR, HAD SENT TO HIM. THE GENERAL

SECRETARY WISHED TO CONVEY HIS PERSONAL THANKS FOR THIS, KORNIYENKO SAID, IN AN OBVIOUS EFFORT TO BEGIN CONVERSATION ON A PLEASANT NOTE.

3. LAUNCHING INTO THE BUSINESS AT HAND, KORNIYENKO STATED THAT THE FINAL ACT CALLED FOR COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC FIELDS AND THAT ONE FORM OF SUCH COOPERATION MENTIONED IN THE ACT WAS HOLDING OF MEETINGS TO DISCUSS SCIENTIFIC, ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. THE USSR, THEREFORE, WISHES TO PROPOSE THE CONVENING OF MEETINGS SPECIFICALLY IN THE THREE AREAS OF ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, AND ENERGY. KORNIYENKO THEN HANDED ME NON-PAPERS DESCRIBING THESE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, WHICH WE WILL CONVEY IN SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAMS.

4. THE FINAL ACT, KORNIYENKO CONTINUED, MENTIONED THE ECE AS ONE ORGANIZATION WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. WE ENVISAGE, HE SAID, THAT THE ECE CAN BE USED TO ORGANIZE THESE MEETINGS AND INTEND TO MAKE A PROPOSAL TO THIS EFFECT DURING THE APRIL SESSION OF THE ECE. BEFORE MOVING AHEAD IN THE ECE FRAMEWORK, IF YOU WISH TO DO SO, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH YOU ABOUT YOUR VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL, KORNIYENKO SAID.

5. I NOTED THAT BREZHNEV HAD MENTIONED THIS IN WARSAW IN DECEMBER AND ASKED WHETHER THE SOVIETS HAD ANY SPECIFIC TIMEFRAME IN MIND. I ALSO INQUIRED AS TO WHERE THEY WOULD PROPOSE TO HOLD SUCH CONFERENCES AND WHOM THEY WOULD PROPOSE TO INVITE. KORNIYENKO REPLIED THAT THE SOVIETS ARE READY TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON WHEN AND WHERE SUCH MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD BE READY TO HOST THE MEETING ON ENERGY. THREE SUCH MEETINGS IN THE SAME YEAR MIGHT BE TOO MUCH, HE COMMENTED, BUT WE ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS THIS. (COMMENT. HIS IMPLICATION WAS THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD WANT TO HOLD THE ENERGY MEETING THIS YEAR.) REGARDING THOSE TAKING PART IN THESE MEETINGS, KORNIYENKO SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD INTEND TO INVITE ALL PARTICIPANTS IN CSCE. IN ADDITION, THEY WOULD NOT EXCLUDE INVITING OBSERVERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES BORDERING THE MEDITERRANEAN

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WHICH HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CSCE PREVIOUSLY, AS WELL AS OBSERVERS FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. KORNIYENKO THEN REPEATED THAT IF THE U.S. HAS ANY VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS BEFORE THE ECE MEETING IN APRIL THE SOVIETS WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS THEM.

6. WHEN ASKED WHETHER OTHER EMBASSIES WOULD ALSO BE APPROACHED ON THIS MATTER, KORNIYENKO SAID THAT HE WAS THE

FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER TO "PERFORM" BUT THAT OTHER
LOCAL EMBASSIES -- HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE UK
FRANCE AND THE FRG -- WILL BE CONTACTED ABOUT THIS.

7. COMMENT. THE FACT THAT BREZHNEV DID NOT SPECIFICALLY
MENTION THESE CONFERENCES IN HIS SPEECH AT THE 25TH
CONGRESS LED SOME LOCAL OBSERVERS TO BELIEVE THAT CSCE
IMPLEMENTATION WAS PERHAPS ABOUT TO BE DOWNGRADED BY THE
SOVIETS. THIS IS CLEARLY NOT THE CASE. WE CAN OBVIOUSLY
EXPECT GREAT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EMPHASIS ON CSCE FOLLOW-UP
KEYED TO THESE CONFERENCES OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.
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